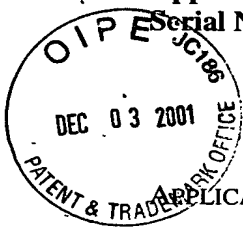


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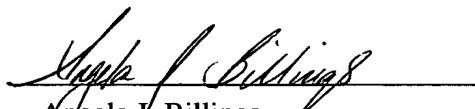
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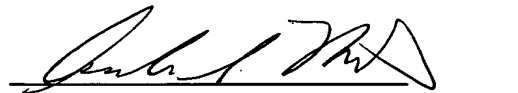
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136 (a) and §1.17 (a) (3), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the June 5, 2001 (5.6.2001) FINAL OFFICE ACTION in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before December 5, 2001. Please charge any additional fees that may required, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0725, Reference No. VPI/97-101 CIP CON. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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